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Sir:

Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

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Respectfully submitted,

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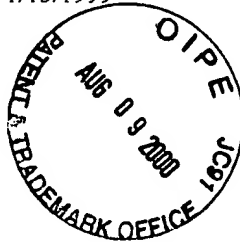


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